



Marvin G. Dieleman

September 25, 1934 - May 8, 2008

Marvin G. Dieleman: Marvin passed away Thursday evening at Mesa General Hospital in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 73 years, 7 months and 20 days.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Marlene of Oskaloosa; a daughter, Mary (Jim) Price of Rose Hill, Kansas; a son, Mark (Beth) Dieleman of Urbandale, IA; grandsons: Braydon, Jake and Luke; step-grandchildren: Carrie, Rebecca, Kimberly and Jimmy; brothers: Bill (Emily) Dieleman of Bella Vista, AR and Robert (Florence) Dieleman of Pella; sisters: Reuvena (Stan) Bruxvoort and Delores (Gary) Meadows, both of Oskaloosa and many nieces and nephews.

Marvin G. Dieleman was born September 25, 1934 on a farm near Galesburg, Iowa to Garret J. and Jozena De Geus Dieleman. His early childhood was spent on various farms in the Pella and Monroe areas, where he attended rural schools. In 1945, he transferred to the Pella Christian Grade School, where he was a 1947 graduate. As a farm youth, Marvin was active in 4-H club work and exhibited livestock at local county fairs. Marvin attended Pella Christian High School, where he participated in sports, graduating in 1951. He attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he received a B.A. Degree in Education. Upon graduation, he received a graduate assistantship from The University of Iowa to work towards his Masters Degree in Physical Education. Marvin spent one year and 2 summers at the University of Iowa, receiving his M.A. Degree in May 1959.

Marvin began his teaching career at Pella Christian High School in Sept. 1956, where he taught social studies and coached all sports. After three years he moved to Ballard Community School District, where he taught and coached one year. He changed careers in 1960, when he became a life insurance agent with Guarantee Mutual Life Company, moving back to Pella, IA. In 1966, he moved to Oskaloosa, IA when he became the General Agent for Bankers Life Nebraska. He earned various professional designations in his career, achieving the LUCTF, CLU and CHFC designations. The Dieleman & Associates Agency received the President's Trophy in 1979 as the Outstanding Career Agency in the United States.

Marvin married Marlene Marlenee in August 1958, and they later adopted two children, Mary E. and Mark E. Dieleman. Marvin has lived in the Oskaloosa area most of his adult life, where he was active in many community activities. He served as a 4-H leader for several years, was active in the noon Kiwanis club serving as president during 1979-1980. He also served on the boards of the Christian Opportunity Center and the Pella Christian High School. He and Marlene were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa for several years, where he also served as an elder.

Marvin and Marlene enjoyed traveling and they traveled extensively overseas for 10 years and then across the United States in their R.V. for several years. They spent the winter months in Mesa, Arizona since 1995.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Garret and Jozena, and a son-in-law, Loren Smith.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin G. Dieleman*

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